



General Assembly

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LCO No. 3574

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR LOCAL LAND USE COMMISSIONERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section "local land use commissioner" means a member of an agency
3 exercising the powers of (1) a zoning commission or zoning board of
4 appeals under chapter 124 of the general statutes or any special act, (2)
5 a planning commission under chapter 126 of the general statutes or
6 any special act, (3) a conservation commission under section 7-131a of
7 the general statutes, (4) a water pollution control authority under
8 chapter 103 of the general statutes, or (5) an inland wetlands agency
9 under sections 22a-42 to 22a-44, inclusive, of the general statutes.

10 (b) The Center for Land Use Education and Research at The
11 University of Connecticut shall be the lead agency for developing basic
12 land use courses and certification programs to educate local land use
13 commissioners on land use laws of the state and regulations adopted
14 thereunder, and may coordinate state agencies, schools of law and
15 relevant professional associations for the purpose of providing such
16 courses and certification programs. The Center for Land Use Education

17 and Research shall, within available appropriations, establish a
18 curriculum for such courses and certification programs and, on or
19 before January 1, 2011, shall submit a report on such curriculum, in
20 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
21 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
22 matters relating to planning and development.

23 (c) In any appeal brought pursuant to section 8-8 of the general
24 statutes, the reviewing court shall consider the training and expertise
25 of the local land use commissioners, including whether such
26 commissioners attended courses and certification programs developed
27 by The Center for Land Use Education and Research at The University
28 of Connecticut.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To recognize the Center for Land Use Education and Research at The University of Connecticut as the lead agency for providing basic training to local land use commissioners, and to require the development of a curriculum for such purpose.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]